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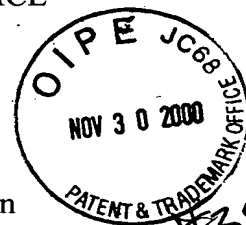
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Before beginning examination of the Continued Prosecution Application, kindly
amend application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 7 without prejudice and add the following new claim 8.

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8. Precipitated silica having the following physico-chemical properties:

BET surface area	35 to 350 m ² /g
BET/CTAB surface area ratio	0.8 to 1.1
Pore volume, PV	1.6 to 3.4 ml/g
Silanol group density, ml of NaOH consumed in raising pH to 9	6 to 20 ml
Average aggregate size	250 to 1500 nm
CTAB surface area	30 to 350 m ² /g
DBP value	150 to 300 ml/100 g

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